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In re Application of Laurette Nacamulli et al. Application No. 09/099,048 Filed: June 17, 1998 Attorney Docket No. 09481.0004-01000

: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS

: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the petition filed under 37 CFR 1.183 on April 27, 2004 and supplemented, by facsimile transmission, on May 6, 2004. The petition is being treated under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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Petitioners have shown that non-signing inventors, Laurette Nacamulli, have refused to join in the filing of the above-identified reissue application after having been sent a copy of the application papers. Specifically, the statement of Tanya V. Sells, Paralegal for assignee BioVeris Corporation, establishes that the non-signing inventor was sent a copy of the present reissue application, but returned by the United States Postal Service (USPS) as undeliverable.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor could not be found or reached after a diligent effort.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1641 for examination on the merits.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (703) 305-4497.

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